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**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker as the incoming chairman of the Helsinki Commission Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, I was grateful for the delegation led by out-going Chairman STEVE COHEN as a bi-partisan delegation to Prague, Czech Republic.

Welcomed by U.S. Embassy Senior Officer Grant Morrow the delegation met Prime Minister Peter Fiala learning the Czech Republic was among the first to send defensive weapons to Ukraine to stop war criminal Putin. While meeting with Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky there was gratitude for the Czech Republic being a determined friend of Taiwan enduring opposition from the Chinese Communist Party.

America is represented by dynamic Ambassador Bijan Sabet and his wife Lauren. His unique Iranian-Korean heritage is a tribute to success in America. A visit to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty was inspiring to meet journalists bringing truth to people oppressed in Europe and Asia, which had been so successful for Cold War victory liberating dozens of countries from communism.

The progress of the Czech Republic was underscored by Delegation Member LLOYD DOGGETT who toured Communist Czechoslovakia in 1986. He explained Prague then was drab, sad, and depressing in contrast to now a vibrant, capitalist modern capital. It is amazing that the Czech Republic and Slovakia are examples of post-communist opportunity for all families to achieve to the highest of their abilities.

The Czech Republic is a valued American ally as democracies with Rule of Law confront authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING  
FOR TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST  
CANCER SCREENING

**HON. LUCY MCBATH**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of increased funding for screening and treatment of triple negative breast cancer. As both a mother and a two-time breast cancer survivor, this work is very personal to me.

Twice, I learned from my doctor that I had cancer. Twice, I went through a rigorous treatment plan. Twice, I've been fortunate enough to call myself a survivor. And I thank God because I am one of the lucky ones. I had access to great health insurance. I was blessed to have a health insurance plan and receive top-notch care. At no point was I forced to wonder if I could afford my treatment. I was able to focus on the strength of my family, the grace of God, and my battle with cancer.

However, women with triple-negative breast cancer often face a worse prognosis and limited treatment options. This is why we need to increase funding for screening and treatment

of this disease. We need to find better ways to detect it early and to develop new treatments that will give women with triple-negative breast cancer a fighting chance.

But funding for research is not enough. We also need to ensure equity and access to treatment for all women with breast cancer, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Women from marginalized communities often face barriers to accessing care, and we must work to break down those barriers.

No woman should have to fight breast cancer alone, and no woman should be denied the care she needs because of where she comes from or how much money she makes. We must come together as a community to ensure that all women have access to the care and treatment they need.

I urge my fellow lawmakers to join me in supporting increased funding for triple-negative breast cancer screening and ensuring equity and access to care for all women with breast cancer. Together, we can make a difference and save lives.

HONORING THE HONORABLE MASTER  
SERGEANT GEORGE D.  
CATHIE

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Winslow Township resident The Honorable Master Sergeant George D. Cathie Winslow Town Hall Honoree.

Originally born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Master Sergeant George D. Cathie has resided in Sicklerville, New Jersey for more than forty years. A veteran of the United States Army, he served 24 years total; 6 years of active duty from 1961 to 1967 followed by 18 years of active reserve. Over the span of 27 years Master Sergeant George D. Cathie worked for Philadelphia Gas Works stepping into different roles such as a Gas Maker, Foreman Worker, Forman Gas Supply, and Shift Superintendent.

Master Sergeant George D. Cathie served in Vietnam for 6 years and was in the first unit to encounter combat in Vietnam, known as the Big Red One. He served as a First Sergeant of the Intelligence and Surveillance Company of the Military Intelligence Battalion. He was honorably discharged after reaching the rank of Master Sergeant or E-8 and during his active duty service he was stationed at Fort Riley Kansas, Fort Bragg and Fort Dix. During his final 18 years of active reserve, he was stationed at Camp Pedricktown Army Air Defense Command Post.

Master Sergeant George D. Cathie was a recipient of fifteen medals and ribbons during his time in the Army, including the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Ribbon and many more throughout his years of service.

During his time in the service Master Sergeant George D. Cathie received specialized training as a Licensed Radio Telephone Operator, Second Class. In 1995 he began the Electronics Service Technician Certification

program at Lincoln Technical Institute in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey from and completed in 1996. Master Sergeant George D. Cathie also earned an Associates Degree of Science at the University of New York, as well as Camden County College.

Today, Master Sergeant George D. Cathie is an active member of Sergeant Ron Stewart VFW Post No. 303 and resides in Winslow Township, New Jersey with his wife Cassandra Cathie. He is the father of 3 children, Kimberly Cathie-Williamson who served 7 years in the United States Army; George D. Cathie Jr. who served 4 years in United States Marine Corps; and Tracy Land. He has been heavily impacted by his brother Gerald who served 4 years in the United States Navy as well as his grandchildren Jarrel, Brandy, Danielle, Chantel and Marcel; Jarrel also having served in the United States Army for 2 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Master Sergeant George D. Cathie of Winslow Township, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his family, community, country, and those who have bravely served and protected the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL TERCH

**HON. RASHIDA TLAI**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Lieutenant Michael Terch for his 25 years of service with the Garden City Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Lieutenant Terch began his career with Garden City in 1998 when he split his time working for multiple municipal fire departments until he joined the Garden City Fire Department as a full-time firefighter and paramedic. Lieutenant Terch was promoted to Engineer in 2012 and to Lieutenant in 2019. In 2020 he completed the EMS Fire Staff and Command class.

In addition to his service to the public, Lieutenant Terch served on the IAFF Local 1911 Union board in many roles over the years. He has served as a trustee, secretary, and 9 years as the union president having been elected twice. He is the founding member of the union's charity golf outing that ran successfully for 17 years and has been involved with the IAFF MDA's Fill the Boot charity event.

Please join me in recognizing Lieutenant Michael Terch for his 25 years of outstanding service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 12th District Strong as we wish him well on his next endeavor.

HONORING THE DEPARTURE OF  
AMBASSADOR ARTHUR SINODINOS

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the occasion of the departure of a true friend to the United States, the Honorable